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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, in the application noted above.

The Examiner has restricted the claims in the present application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:


- Group I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a light transmitting filter, classified in class 359, subclass 614.
- Group II. Claims 24-33, drawn to a method of making a light transmitting filter, classified in class 427, subclass 162.
- Group III. Claims 34-44, drawn to specific features of making a light transmitting filter by laminating the second surface of the first transparent film to the second surface of the second transparent film so that the microstructures of the first transparent film are optically aligned with the microstructures of the second transparent film, classified in class 428, subclass 551.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement. In particular, Applicant submits that the claims of Groups I, II and III can be and should be examined at the same time. Because the claims are drawn to a light transmitting filter having microstructures embedded into a light absorbing layer forming a path for transmitting light through the light absorbing layer, examining all of the claims in a single application would not constitute a serious burden.

In order for this reply to the restriction requirement to be complete, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-23, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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